

REMARKS

[0002] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-22 and 46-54 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 1 and 17. Claims withdrawn or cancelled herein are 23-45. New claims added herein are 46-54.

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] The Examiner graciously talked with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on January 26, 2009. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, I discussed how the claims differed from the cited references. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0005] I understood the Examiner to tentatively concur that proposed amendments to independent claims 1 and 17 overcame the § 101 rejections. It appeared that the Examiner understood our differentiation between the cited art and the claims.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims in the manner discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are

allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.

Claim Amendments and Additions

[0007] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 1 and 17 herein. Applicant amends claims to clarify claimed features. Such amendments are made to expedite prosecution and more quickly identify allowable subject matter. Such amendments are merely intended to clarify the claimed features, and should not be construed as further limiting the claimed invention in response to the cited references.

[0008] Claims 1 and 17 are amended to overcome § 101 rejections. Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found in the specification at least at page 25 line 21. Support for the amendment to claim 17 is found in the specification at least at page 11 lines 3-4.

[0009] Furthermore, Applicant adds new claims 46-54 herein. These new claims are fully supported by Application and therefore do not constitute new matter. Support for new claims 46-54 can be found in the specification at least at p. 2 lines 19-22, p. 3 line 1, p. 8 lines 12-13, p. 9 lines 1-4, p. 12 lines 18-20, p. 13 line 14 and p. 14 line 3. New claims 46-54 are asserted allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons that claims 1, 9, and 17 are allowable over the cited references.

Conclusion

[0010] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call or email me at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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